

Mr. Speaker, when he retires on July 6, 2001, Chief Walpole will be leaving behind a three-decade legacy of excellence and professionalism. It has been a pleasure for myself and Congressman HONDA to work with him and other members of the Scotts Valley community, and it is an honor to be able to pay tribute to him here. We wish him well in his upcoming retirement, but we know that he will always remain an active member of the community.

HONORING JORDAN HENNER

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize one of New York's outstanding young students, Jordan Henner. This young man has received the Eagle Scout honor from his peers in recognition of their achievements.

Since the beginning of this century, the Boy Scouts of America have provided thousands of boys and young men each year with the opportunity to make friends, explore new ideas, and develop leadership skills while learning self-reliance and teamwork.

The Eagle Scout award is presented only to those who possess the qualities that make our nation great: commitment to excellence, hard work, and genuine love of community service. Becoming an Eagle Scout is an extraordinary award with which only the finest Boy Scouts are honored. To earn the award—the highest advancement rank in Scouting—a Boy Scout must demonstrate proficiency in the rigorous areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills; they must earn a minimum of 23 merit badges as well as contribute at least 100 man-hours toward a community oriented service project.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of these awards, as their activities are indeed worthy of praise. Their leadership benefits our community and they serve as role models for their peers.

Also, we must not forget the unsung heroes, who continue to devote a large part of their lives to make all this possible. Therefore, I salute the families, scout leaders, and countless others who have given generously of their time and energy in support of scouting.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Jordan and bring the attention of Congress to this successful young man on his day of recognition. Congratulations to you and your family.

JIM ROPER, INDUCTEE TO THE
NEW MEXICO-BROADCASTING AS-
SOCIATION'S HALL OF FAME

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of the outstanding citizens of

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the northeast corner of my home state of New Mexico—Jim Roper, who was recently inducted into the New Mexico Broadcasting Association's Hall of Fame. As a pioneer with more than 50 years in the industry, he is eminently deserving of this prestigious honor.

Mr. Roper is the chief executive officer of Raton Broadcasting and head of KRTN—AM and FM. These stations bring music and important news to the citizens of Colfax, Union, and Harding Counties as well as southeastern Colorado. In northeastern New Mexico, I cannot emphasize how important the medium of radio is as a critical news source. Mr. Roper and his team have served its citizens well.

Jim's career began in 1948, while still in high school. And it all started because the station's general manager had laryngitis. Jim and his family lived in the now abandoned town of Brilliant, not far from Raton, where radio was one of the only sources of entertainment. During a high school basketball game, Stan Brown, then the general manager of KRTN, had lost his voice and could not broadcast the game report. Jim said, "I don't know, but I'll try." One thing led to another, and soon he was spinning records at the station. In less than two decades, he was the station's owner.

Jim has seen vast changes in the radio broadcasting business since he began. Tape recorders replaced wire recorders, compact discs replaced records and satellites replaced disc jockeys. However, at KRTN on-site folks still operate the station, and despite lucrative offers to purchase the small station, Roper has refused to sell.

Jim has always been committed to providing quality service to the listeners of KRTN and capturing the essence of rural New Mexico. His dedication and commitment have made him an important part of the community. Jim has served as the city commissioner, the president of the Raton Chamber of Commerce, as a member of the city parks and recreation board and as the president for the Raton water board.

There have been two constants that have run throughout Jim's life: the radio station and his loving family. He is a proud husband and father, whose family has kept him focused and grounded.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Roper is a champion of his community and is completely deserving of being named as one of the first inductees into the New Mexico Broadcasting Association's Hall of Fame. I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting Jim Roper for his vast accomplishments.

HONORING MAYOR JOHNNY
ISELL OF PASADENA, TEXAS

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Johnny Isbell of Pasadena, Texas. On June 30, 2001, Mayor Isbell will conclude his third four-year term as mayor of the city.

Mayor Isbell is a dedicated public servant, whose career began on the Pasadena City

Council in 1969. He served on the Council until 1978 and returned from 1989–1993. He served his first term as the city's mayor in 1981 and returned to the post in 1993.

Mayor Isbell was born in San Antonio, Texas in 1938, and has lived in Pasadena for more than 55 years. He was educated at the University of Houston. He and his wife Jeanie are the proud parents of Leesa, Johnny Jr., and Kenny Isbell. In addition to his public service, Johnny serves as the President of Apache Oil Company and Chief Executive Officer of Texas Transeastern, a fuels trucking business. He is also the President of Isbell Equipment Company and Isbell Interest.

As Mayor, Johnny Isbell sought to enhance the image of Pasadena as a community of neighbors. He opened the doors of City Hall to all of the town's residents and welcomed all concerns. With an eye on the future, Mayor Isbell brought his administration online, providing constituent services via the worldwide web. During the last six years of his administration, crime rates have dropped by 30 percent and property taxes have been reduced to some of the lowest levels in the Harris County Metropolitan area.

A businessman by trade, Mayor Isbell placed a strong emphasis on the importance of bolstering local enterprise, and putting the satisfaction of his constituents at the forefront. For more than thirty years Johnny has brought his competence, dedication and lofty principle to the public purpose. Under Johnny Isbell's leadership as mayor, Pasadena has vaulted boldly into the 21st Century as a model American city. His compassion and generosity has enlivened the spirit of Pasadena. I commend Johnny Isbell for his outstanding service to our community, and wish him continued happiness as he returns to his private life with his wife Jeanie and children; Leesa, Johnny Jr., and Kenny.

IN HONOR OF TANYA PARISI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize a fine individual and exceptional teacher, Ms. Tanya Parisi of Olmsted Falls Middle School, for her outstanding dedication to the education of young students.

Ms. Parisi is one of two teachers that have organized a program that will enrich students and address concerns pertinent to the Olmsted Falls community. Within the past few years, pollution has become a growing concern for the small suburb of Olmsted Falls, and Ms. Parisi has taken it upon herself to analyze this problem. With the help of 140 seventh-graders, Ms. Parisi will be researching water and air pollution, studying water samples, researching the food web, identifying living specimens, and so much more. Throughout this entire project, students will maintain a computer portfolio of their research and publish their results online.

This program materialized only through the tireless efforts of Ms. Parisi. Her love and